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Carl Berg, above, works on various techniques while climbing the ice in Provo Canyon as classmates on ground chart his progress; "Stairway to Heaven" next to Bridal Veil Falls, below, is a popular area for ice climbers.



Instructor Dennis Turville, demonstrating proper way to use an ice ax, learned most of his climbing techniques on his own.



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ly decided to leave him out of the offense the All-Star Game.

Jordan remembers. "My peers, or some of y peers, supposedly thought I was acting

All-Star MVP, Tom Chambers, did in the Seattle Kingdome.

"Chambers last year . . . he got the place rockin' and rollin'," Magic Johnson said.

## Fletcher wins alpine, Brown gains revenge

Park City's Jeremy Nobis finishes second

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CRESTED BUTTE, Colo. — Pam Fletcher on her second race in as many days, and Mike Brown extracted a measure of revenge for being left off the Olympic team in super-g slalom races Friday at the U.S. Alpine Ski Championships.

Fletcher flashed to victory in the women's race by more than a full second. Fletcher, who won the downhill on Thursday, thus successfully defended her two national titles of year ago.

Brown, a Ski Team veteran who felt that miscommunication by coaches cost him a spot on the Olympic team, was a decisive winner in the men's race. Brown had finished second in Thursday's downhill.

Fletcher, a bubbly 25-year-old from Accon, Mass., was timed in 1 minute, 35.74 seconds.

Kristin Krone, 19, of Truckee, Calif., was a surprising second in 1:36.92. Krone, who began the season as a member of the national training group, has had impressive results in her first year of World Cup racing, and this week she claimed a spot on the U.S. Olympic

could do it, because I haven't had much super-G success this year and it's really difficult to defend your title in the nationals. My run felt really strong and solid. I'm excited about it."

Krone, hospitalized Tuesday night for treatment of gallstones, had a wild run.

"I was all over the place," she said. "I was really out of control. I felt on the wild side the whole way down, but I just tried to keep it going. It was definitely not a controlled, precise run. But it worked, so that's OK."

Armstrong said she made "a major mistake" coming out of a turn onto the flats near the bottom of the course.

Brown, 25, of Vail, Colo., was clocked in 1:30.63. Seventeen-year-old newcomer Jeremy Nobis of Park City, Utah, was second in 1:31.50, followed by Andreas Rickenbach of Pleasanton, Calif., in 1:31.71.

"I felt really strong, and everything just came together on my run," Brown said. "It doesn't happen that often."

Brown reiterated his belief he had been treated unfairly by Ski Team coaches, who, he said, indicated he probably would make the Olympic team and urged him to rest his injured wrist instead of returning to racing.

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Olympics.

Barkley's reponse to being hailed by the media as the early MVP candidate in the league: "Stuff like that has a psychological

learned you have to develop scars as a team. You have to win, you have to lose, you have to choke — they call it experience."

Riley has one word for the Lakers' loss to

Bird is the two-time defending champ in the three-point shooting event . . . Before the Players Association meeting, Bird said, "A strike wouldn't do anybody any good."

